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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

STAT SUBJECT: Conversation with [] D/DCI/RMS, re
Legislative Liaison Function for the Intelligence
Community

STAT 1. [] and I reviewed all of the options with respect
STAT to the Intelligence Community legislative liaison function. He wanted
STAT to get my agreement on the basic structure which will be []
STAT as Director of an office which will include liaison with Intelligence
STAT Community components and with the Hill. A legislative liaison person
STAT will report through [] and will be responsible to us
STAT in OLC as well on legislative matters. I have no problem with this
STAT organizational scheme and he [] plans to announce it as soon as
the reprogramming is signed.

STAT 2. I did, however, object to the naming of [] as the
STAT occupant of the liaison position. I did so on the grounds that I did not
STAT feel that John and I had interviewed all possible candidates for that job.
STAT I cited specifically [] lack of experience in legislative
STAT matters. I indicated that it was important for the position's incumbent
STAT to be both substantive and political and if we were going to try to alter
STAT our approach to the House Appropriations Committee we ought to have
STAT somebody who was pretty skilled in the ways of the Congress. Therefore,
STAT John has agreed to consider with me additional candidates for the job.
STAT He will not announce [] appointment to it but will make
ASTAT [] available to [] during the remaining weeks of this
legislative session to help as needed in the reclamation.

3. We concluded on the notion that he will have to give
maximum time and attention to this matter himself; that I would try

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to include him on reclama visits on the Hill with the Director and that we would struggle through to October 7 basically in the posture we are currently in with him being supported by [] and with our office being supported by []

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